

Before the  
FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION  
Washington, DC 20554

In the Matter of

Deployment of Wireline Services Offering  
Advanced Telecommunications Capability

CC Docket No. 98-147

**VERIZON<sup>1</sup> REQUEST FOR WAIVER**

Pursuant to section 1.3 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. § 1.3, Verizon hereby requests a waiver of the effective date of the Commission's rules issued in the Fourth Report and Order<sup>2</sup> in the above-referenced proceeding. For good cause shown, Verizon requests an extension of the effective date to Friday, September 28, 2001.

In the Fourth Report and Order, the Commission modified its rules for physical collocation under section 251(c)(6) of the Act. Among other things, the Commission (1) re-defined the type of equipment that is "necessary" for interconnection or access to unbundled network elements within the meaning of section 251(c)(6); (2) eliminated the requirement that an incumbent local exchange carrier permit collocators to maintain cross-connects between their collocation arrangements; (3) required incumbent local exchange carriers to provide cross-connects between collocation arrangements pursuant to sections 201 and 251(c)(6) of the Act;

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<sup>1</sup> The Verizon telephone companies ("Verizon") are the affiliated local telephone companies of Verizon Communications Corp. These companies are listed in Attachment A.

<sup>2</sup> *Deployment of Wireline Services Offering Advanced Telecommunications Capability*, CC Docket No. 98-147, Fourth Report and Order, FCC 01-204 (rel. Aug. 8, 2001).

(4) eliminated the rules giving collocators the option of selecting their physical collocation space; and (5) established principles concerning the assignment of physical collocation space by the incumbent local exchange carrier. These rules will require Verizon to make extensive changes to its state and federal tariffs as well as to its methods and procedures. The Commission's revised rules will become effective on September 19, 2001, 30 days from the date of publication of the order in the Federal Register.

Verizon has been working to file conforming tariffs in the federal and state jurisdictions by September 19 to comply with the Commission's rules. However, the terrorist attacks in New York City and Washington, DC on September 11, 2001, have interrupted these efforts due to the dislocation of personnel and reassignment of resources. The ensuing emergency conditions have made it impractical for Verizon to complete the necessary work efforts by September 19. Accordingly, Verizon requests a waiver of the effective date of the Commission's rules to allow it to file its federal and state compliance tariffs by September 28.

Under section 1.3 of the Commission's rules, the Commission's rules may be waived for good cause shown. The extraordinary circumstances of the last week clearly establish "special circumstances" that warrant a limited extension of the effective date of the Commission's rules. *See Northeast Cellular Telephone Co. v. FCC*, 897 F.2d 1164, 1166 (D.C. Cir. 1990).

## **Conclusion**

For the foregoing reasons, the Commission should grant Verizon a waiver of the effective date of the Commission's rules in the Fourth Report and Order until September 28, 2001.

Respectfully submitted,

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